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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how then there was delay in taking delivery of the telegram ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" From what we have been able to gather the president avoided taking delivery of the telegram."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister, where the president was when the telegram was delivered ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Levy of fees on documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1760 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the authority for applying the Court Fees Act to documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ; and

(*b*) the authority empowering the Board to frame rules in 1925 and 1926 fixing court fees on documents filed before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ?

A.—(*a*) Section 81 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926 (Act II of 1927).

(*b*) No rules have been framed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in the matter. The fees in question were governed in 1925 and 1926 by section 77 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1923 (Act I of 1925), which corresponded to the section of the present Act, referred to in (*a*) above.

Alleged litigation concerning the Srikarpaganathar Swami temple.

* 1761 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Srikarpaganathar Swami temple at Karpaganatharkulam, Tiruturaipundi taluk, Tanjore district, was the subject of litigation before the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner while interfering to set aside the order of the Temple Committee and while reinstating a dismissed trustee, directed the said trustee to deposit with the Board promissory notes and cash belonging to the temple ;

(*c*) whether while the matter was pending before the said Board, promissory notes in the custody of the Commissioner to the value of about Rs. 18,000 got time-barred ;

(*d*) whether any, and if so, what steps were taken to recover the said amount from the person or persons liable to make good the said loss ;

(*e*) whether the whole or any portion of the amount so lost was recovered ; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to take any, and if so, what action in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) to (*f*) Information has been called for.